

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund Workshop

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Panel Report on the IAC and SRFB

Washington State has no specific plan like the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, however, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) report is going to print soon, and will be available on the SRFB website in early 2003.

Washington's plan emphasizes science and public participation including watershed groups. Primary elements of the state plan include:

- salmon recovery
- grassroots capacity building
- building consensus
- engaging science
- demonstrating progress

Harvest is not controlled by SRFB, but must be understood by the agency. *Hatcheries* are self-directed by various state agencies responsible for them. *Water* is an issue that SRFB needs to address. *Forest* and *fish* are addressed by the various state agencies responsible for those resources. SRFB's focus is toward on-the-ground group efforts.

PCSRF dollars are used to pool with other sources of funding making delineation of PCSRF projects somewhat difficult. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board was established in 1999 as a grant making agency and completed its 3rd round of funding in April 2002. The SRFB website has a list of funded projects: visit <http://www.iac.wa.gov/salmongrants.html>

Assessments need to be strategic and geographically sensible, as well as use good science and a high level technical panel to review proposed projects. The SRFB spends significant time on data management and audits.

Question: how do we link databases across states and across agencies to demonstrate progress? Washington's new data-portal is coming online soon, which will be open to the public and transparent regarding its ownership and maintenance.

Budgets are a challenge with Washington's current 2 billion dollar deficit. Washington needs policy, data and state coordination.

In closing; who gets the credit? Those who participate! Success stories are particularly important.